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Speak Out concerns to be addressed early next year

• *Departments taking action to meet student's demands*

By Sherri Sage
Staff Writer

At the recent Student Speak Out held Nov. 16, many issues and concerns at William Paterson University were raised by students. Some actions and initiatives have already been developed by the provost's office to help address these problems.

interim dean of students, "I thought for the most part that the Speak Out was very constructive and productive and that it was very timely as we look back on, the fall semester and students can voice their opinions on what changes the administration can work toward in 1998. It's always good when the president and provost are in attendance to really demonstrate sup-

port and commitment to student concerns and issues."

In January 1998, contract bids for the installation of security cameras in the Towers will be solicited. The installation will then begin during the spring semester as part of the campus-wide security network. This plan includes the installation of cameras throughout campus in places such as the park-

ing lots and other remote areas with a 24 hour monitoring system.

Installation of 20 new security phones with blue lights is scheduled to begin in January 1998. Sixteen phones have already been installed but the lights still need to be added on them. These phones and lights are to be checked and maintained regularly.

In order to provide transportation to and from the apartments, a van has been purchased as part of the campus-wide shuttle service. The service will be extended to midnight so that students using the library or attending late night events on campus will have safe transportation to the apartments.

Beginning in the summer of 1998, a number of floors in the apartments will be renovated. This will continue for several years and maintenance of the apartments will also be enhanced.

Contracts have been issued for the installation of more lights in parking lots three, four and six by the end of this year. Many of the lights will have security phones attached to them. In addition,

lighting between the Towers and Hillside is also being increased.

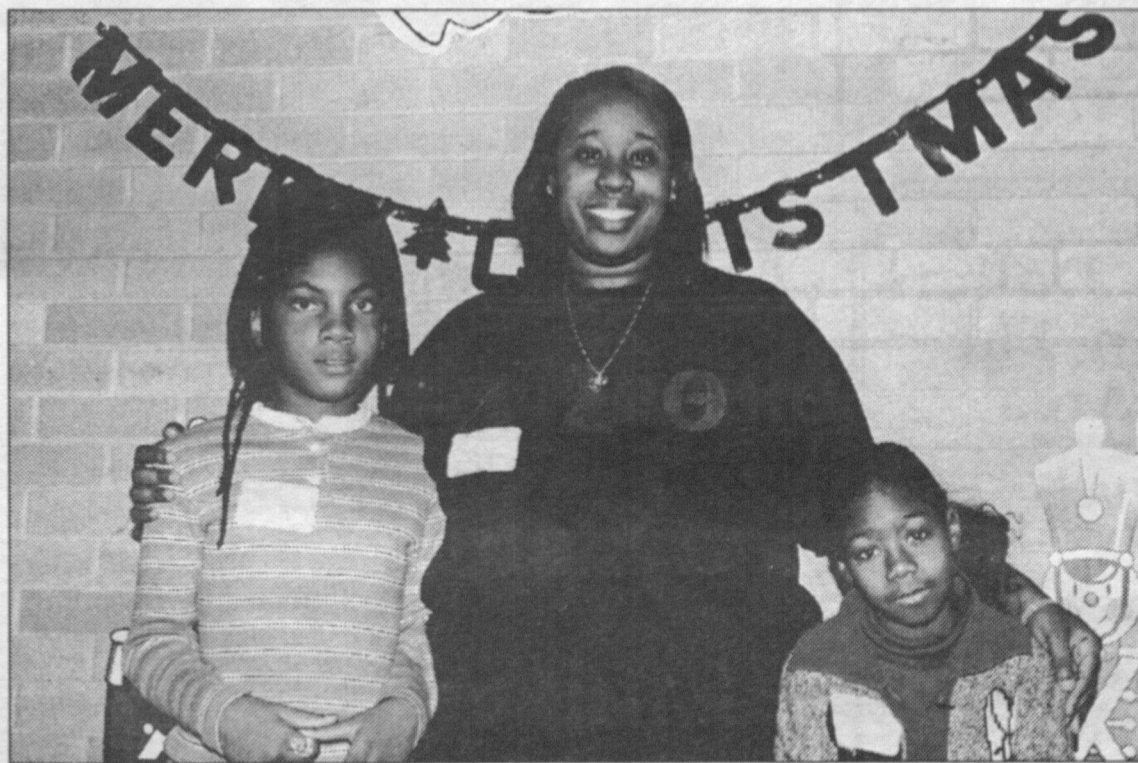
Several improvements are being made to support those students with disabilities. A \$75,000 grant was given to the coordinator of the campus American Disabilities Act (ADA) this year to ensure that enrolled students with disabilities receive appropriate specialized supports.

More handicapped parking spaces have been provided on campus and improvements to the sidewalks, bathrooms, and classroom buildings are being made. Sliding doors have already been installed in Ben Shahn while a similar plan for the Science building will be considered for spring 1998.

According to Watts, these plans are expected to be followed. "Given the Provost's track record, if he promises or commits to give something to the students, it will happen," said Watts. "I feel confident and I hope students feel confident in that what was said and promised during the Speak Out will occur."

Children and adults enjoy a Holiday party

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Pamela Langan/The Beacon

Members of the Student Government Association and of the William Paterson University community held a Holiday Party on Dec. 7 in the Student Center Ballroom. The party was held for children from the towns surrounding WPU.

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- "Steel Magnolias" is a hit in Hunziker Black

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- WPU Basketball Team trying hard to succeed

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and much...much...more!

Well-known therapist talks to The Beacon

By Matthew Halpern
Staff Writer

Clinical psychologist and sex therapist Dr. Judy Kuriansky has made a name for herself by being one of the nation's well-known radio personalities. Through her radio show "Love Phones", television appearances, personal appearances and books, Kuriansky works to make people feel comfortable with issues involving their sexual identity.

With a recent appearance at William Paterson University, Kuriansky is now promoting the release of her latest book "The Complete Idiot's Guide to a Healthy Relationship."

What does it mean to "talk about sex"?

It means to share openly about sexual issues when they're important to you with the people it is relevant with. Certainly, that manifests itself when you are in a relationship, that you talk about what

pleases you and what you prefer and what your hopes and dreams are, in general, as well as in sex. What is the perception of "talking about sex"?

I think the word still triggers anxiety in people, and it makes them nervous. And unfortunately, I think that there are special interest groups that feed on that fear, in order to maintain their own power; so, I think that when people hear 'talk about sex,' they instantly think 'well, we have to discuss masturbation or intercourse or penises,' and that's not really what it means. It means talking about your feelings, too, and the impact of the feeling on your relationship. Why do people need incentive to "talk about sex"?

I think because it is anxiety provoking; because our culture has put it, this three-letter word, into

such a fearful mentality, that's why, and it need not be, and it

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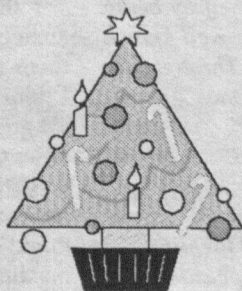
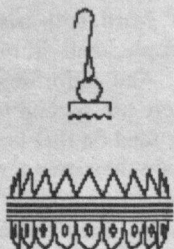
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SGA party brightens the holidays

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

The Student Center Ballroom was filled with laughter and song on Sunday, Dec. 7 as the Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored a holiday party for children and teenagers from around the William Paterson University area. Children from towns such as Prospect Park and Paterson came in groups to WPU, greeted by students and other volunteers. Some were even greeted by elves.

As they arrived around the hour of 11:30 a.m., the SGA made sure each individual received a name tag and found a group to stay with throughout the day.

The first item on the agenda for the day was the magic show presented by "Great Scott." He amazed the children, and even many of the WPU student volunteers with acts such as a disappearing bird cage and the infamous "quarter-behind-the-ear" trick.

Soon after, lunch was served, while the disc jockey played many popular tunes which everyone enjoyed. Santa Claus made his appearance right before lunch and made his own rounds throughout the auditorium greeting all of the visitors.

Children up to the age of

approximately 12 remained in the ballroom after lunch to enjoy some more games such as "Musical Chairs," and "Guess the Number," while many of the teenagers were joined in the arcade on the ground floor of the Student Center.

The SGA had provided many games such as UNO and Jenga for the children to play on their

own and try to win prizes. A few of the children were fortunate enough to win a new Tamagotchi Virtual Pet.

The sound of music could be heard on all floors of the Student Center from the ballroom, as soon the place was jumping and almost everyone was dancing, even Santa Claus.

To end the festivities, each child was called to "Santa's Headquarters," located temporarily in the Student Center Gallery Lounge on the first floor. Brightly decorated with holiday paraphernalia such as a Christmas tree and a mock mantle with stockings, the children were brought in one by one to take a picture with Santa Claus and each received gift courtesy of the SGA and WPU.

Both the children and the WPU student volunteers had a wonderful time and enjoyed the holiday spirit together.

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During the SGA Holiday party children participated in many activities. Some of these including talking with Santa, seeing a magic show, and visiting with friendly elves. Above (Left) Santa encourages the children to get up and dance with him. Above (right) "Great Scott," the magician, turns a child into a bunny rabbit as part of a comedy routine. (Left, top) Santa takes time to dance with one of the many enthusiastic children. (Bottom left) Three of the student elves take a minute from the fun to pose for a picture.



"Steel Magnolias" shines in Hunziker Black Box Theater

By Danielle Gabriel
Staff Writer



A simple set, occupied by three-seater pink couch and two barber-shop style chairs, and surrounded by a semi-circular arrangement of audience members, facilitated the production of "Steel Magnolias," a play written by Robert Harling, chronicling the camaraderie between six Louisiana women as they mutually experience life, change, love and loss.

Directed by William Paterson University (WPU) senior Allison Wolf, the play's cast featured members of the Alpha Psi Omega theatre fraternity and of WPU's Pioneer Players. The play was the groups' first theatre production this year.

Genuinely portrayed by Angela Rauscher, Truvy, one character, is married and has one son who she regrets not having sent to therapy. Her enjoyment, it seems, derives from making women beautiful, as any woman who does her own hair, she says, is "just not normal." Much of the comic relief in the play is provided by Truvy with her small-

town bits of juicy gossip, her words of wisdom, and her admiral ability to experience "laughter through tears."

Although Rauscher, with her big, toothy smile and effervescent on-stage personality, captured Truvy's prance, style and wit, she was a bit loud at times, nearly startling a few audience members with the pitch of her voice; a voice, which of course fits Truvy to a tee.

Overall, Rauscher's performance was exemplary, making clear who was the shining star of the production.

Junior Alyce Rosolen as Annelle Dupuy-Desoto, a soft-spoken Christian and budding hairdresser was accurate and believable, yet a tad timid and meek.

Although the character of Annelle is timid and meek, Rosolen, while looking and fitting the part, seemed tentative on-stage in her role as the "quiet" Annelle. Even during her portrayal of the more quiet Annelle, one could sense a desire for Rosolen to set free the lively and energetic version of the character that the audience seemed to most enjoy.

Central to the play were Shelby and M'lynn Eatonton, a mother and daughter who are first seen planning Shelby's wed-

ding to Jackson Lacherie, a prominent Louisiana lawyer not depicted in this production.

Shelby, played by junior Tara Ricart, is a young and beautiful woman who has led a lifelong battle with diabetes. Although her doctor informs her that "children aren't possible" due to her illness, Shelby gives birth and literally wears out her body. She strains her kidneys to such an extent that she temporarily goes on dialysis until her mother offers her one of her kidneys. Shelby's body then rejects the kidney and she goes into a coma, from which she never comes out. Her family is forced to pull the plug from the machine that had been keeping her alive.

Ricart, a member of Alpha Psi Omega, delivered a sweet, kind and gentle-hearted Shelby, showing true concern for others and offering a youthful aspect to a play dominated by older, more experienced women. Ricart presented a commendable performance.

Shelby's mother, portrayed by Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority member Jessica Kettle, also was commendable, considering her delivery of a heart-wrenching monologue on the day of Shelby's funeral, as she calmly cried and reflected upon how

Shelby's death as the "most beautiful moment of [her] life."

As Kettle sat in the barber-style chair stage left and pleaded to God for understanding, collective sniffles and whimpers from the audience reverberated off of the walls of Hunziker Black Box Theatre until the mood was lifted and brightened by Clairee Belcher, played by senior Shelli Haynes. As Clairee, Haynes was exceptional from her walk and right down to her hand and facial gestures. More so than any other fellow cast members, Haynes provided the most true-to-life Louisiana accent, and her natural mannerisms were extraordinary at best.

The on-stage chemistry between Haynes and Donahue was delightful, as the sarcasm and sometimes lash-tongued, yet loving, dialogue between them only worked to solidify their friendship and to maintain the peace, reassurance and stability of the play's six small-town women. Although the entire cast did a splendid job, the due of Kelly and Donahue stood out as unrehearsed, genuine, comical and sincere in its purest form.

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Mailbag

Thanks, and happy holidays

To the Editor:

To all of you that helped make the Holiday Party a success, me and the children thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May your

holiday be extra special and may your presents be abundant. a

Curtis Fields
SGA Executive VP

Greek Senate responds

To the Editor:

In a recent Letter to the Editor entitled, "Resentment towards Greek life," I read some very disturbing non-truths. Sororities and fraternities contribute more than their share to this University and to its surrounding community. It is completely false to say that our "community work is to stay in existence." The volunteer work that we do is exactly that - volunteer work.

For the author, I do have some pity. This person is very bitter over the loss of their friend. I must say that true friendships last through

everything. The majority of Greeks continue to have very close relations with Non-Greeks. The bitterness expressed in this letter is coming from one bad experience. This letter was obviously based on pure opinion and was not researched in anyway. MR. Frederick Doot II, Eva's Kitchen, Preakness Nursing Home, Thanksgiving Awareness, Day Care Kids, St. Jude's, and Catholic Campus Ministry, to name a few, are all looking forward to seeing your generous volunteer services.

Greek Senate

Thanking WPU professors

To the Editor:

As the semester comes to an end I thought it would be just right to give some recognition to the people who helped make the semester either a success or a failure: The professors.

Most Professors tend to go unnoticed, yet if it weren't for them we wouldn't be learning. This is my first semester at WPU and I have had many great professors in all departments, including Professor Ciani in History and Professor Reed in Women's Studies. However, I was extremely impressed with the sociology department.

I took Social Problems with Professor Mark Ellis, and if any professor deserves recognition it is he. Professor Ellis took the world to a new level for me, and opened my eyes to issues I would normally have turned my back to.

From the involved class discussions to the sharing of his own personal experiences, Professor Ellis has given me (and I'm sure many others) a new view of the world around us. So to keep this short but sweet: thanks Professor Ellis, for opening my eyes to the Real World!

Samantha E. Lugo
Freshman

Thanksgiving... the eighteenth time

To the Editor:

This has been the eighteenth time that the Catholic Campus Ministry Center has coordinated a Thanksgiving Awareness Program among many groups in the university...and I, the coordinator, am proud of having personally participated in the last fourteen of such drives, attending as Deacon the Masses in preparation for, and in celebration of, those drives.

Ever more grateful are the needy clients of urban Passaic County to whom the benefits will go. This year the drive has outdone itself by collecting \$2,760, which permits the purchase at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, at \$0.14 per pound, a little

over 8 tons of food...or be it some 20,000 meals.

It is also marvelous to hear that the program, as chaired by the Rev. Louis Scurti and his Catholic Campus Ministry Center, has had the ecumenical support of many groups in the university: the Greek Senate, OLAS, the Student Government Association, the Beacon, students, faculty, and staff. It has been an activity of which you can all be proud and content...neighbors helping neighbors' in the American tradition of Thanksgiving.

Deacon Jaime R. Lianso,
Coordinator
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"A long [Semester] ..."

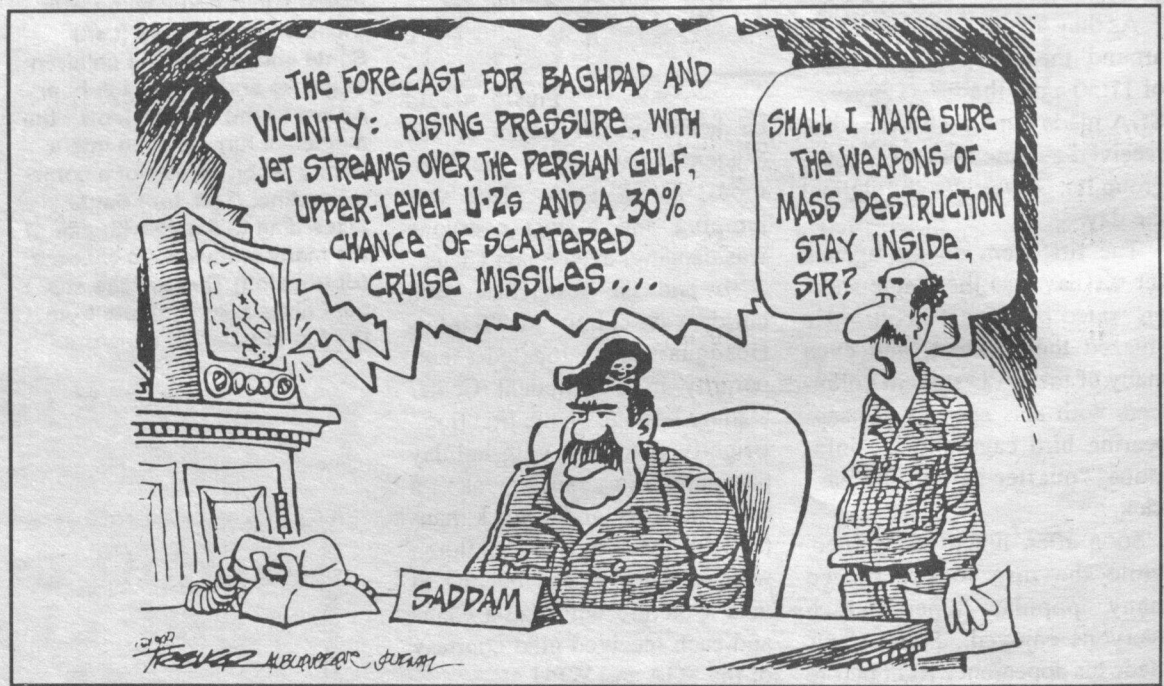
Is there something in the air; is it something they're serving in the commuter cafe or in Wayne Hall? Perhaps professors felt obligated to push students farther than before; or perhaps students just imagined this push; or maybe it's a little bit of both. Whatever its cause William Paterson University students have been plagued with an undeterminable amount of stress this semester.

To say it in the words of Adam Duritz, "it's been a long [semester]/ but there's reason to believe/ maybe this year will be better than the last." And there is "reason to believe." William Paterson administrators, more specifically Provost Chernoh Sesay, have confirmed their devotion to WPU and its students. Maybe this too is due to William Paterson's newly acquired status. On the other hand, maybe it is due to the Student Government Association Executive Board who, although began the year off on the wrong foot, have certainly demonstrated their ability to "get [things] done." In all likelihood, the effect is due to a variety of contributing causes, but then again it may

be due to another one entirely.

Does Provost Sesay have his eyes on the "Big" office, the one President Arnold Speert has surely grown weary of occupying for the last 25 years? Is that the reason for this sudden devotion to WPU students? It's hard to believe past SGAs were so inept they could neither observe nor care to present any of the problems expressed at the Student Speak Out, to which the administration, more specifically Provost Sesay, responded so adamantly.

Is the "reason to believe" actually a well crafted political move designed to promote Provost Sesay to President Sesay? Or, does Provost Sesay genuinely care about students and WPU outside the context of his career? Once again, one cause can probably not be attributed to the ultimate effect but, something is unsettling about the situation; similar to all those Hobart Manor ghost stories, no one is ready to believe every single story wholeheartedly, but then again, each of them seem possible.



WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY?

There are so many issues you don't know where to start...

This is usually the portion of the Editorial Page where we highlight an issue most people would have an opinion on. However, this week we would just like to wish everyone happy holidays!

Holidays can be no longer than 3 1/2 weeks



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Alcohol awareness... Apartments Style

To the Editor:

All too often the accomplishments of student staff on this campus go unnoticed. That is why I would like to take a moment to say "good job" to the Resident Assistant staff of the Apartments Complex.

During a weekly staff meeting in early October, the Apartments Complex RA staff was given information about drinking habits of students on college campuses nationally and right here at William Paterson. After a lengthy discussion about this phenomenon the staff, clearly surprised with the information presented to them, was faced with the challenge of making some kind of impact with the residents on our campus regarding their drinking habits.

After a collaborative effort on

the part of each RA on the Apartments Complex staff, the first Alcohol Awareness Week... Apartments Style was planned. During the week of November 3-8, various programs were offered in the apartments area in efforts of promoting responsible drinking among residents. Resident Assistants wanted to send a clear message that it is okay for those persons 21 years of age or older to possess or consume alcohol but, it MUST be done in a responsible manner. This means knowing one's limits and knowing when to turn over the car keys to a friend if one does become intoxicated.

More importantly, the RA staff wanted students who do not consume alcohol to know that it is socially acceptable and downright COOL NOT TO DRINK. There

are many voices on this campus who agree that alcohol beverages are not a necessity in order to have a good time and this was proven during Alcohol Awareness Week.

I invite the entire William Paterson University community to join me in congratulating the Apartments Complex Resident Assistants in planning and executing such an exceptional programmatic effort. An educational endeavor such as this provides an example of the sincere concern the Resident Assistants of the Department of Residence Life have for the WPU residential community.

Natalie J. Ellis
Resident Director, Apartments Complex

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THE LONG-AWAITED INSIDER TOP 10

Tim Bornemann Insider Editor



1. **Starmarket** *Sunday's Worst Enemy* (Dolores)
2. **The Get Up Kids** *Four Minute Mile* (Doghouse)
3. **Chopper** *Did You Hear That?* (Crackle)
4. **Broccoli** *Broccoli* (Rugger Bugger)
5. **Snuff** *Potatoes and Melons at Wholesale*

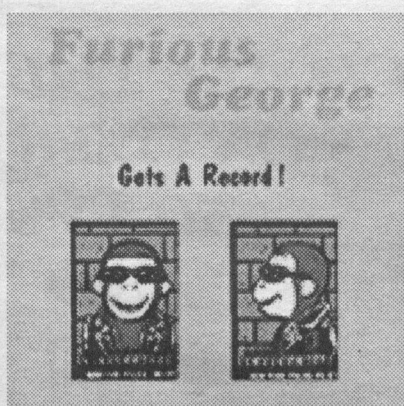
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6. **Chisel** *Set You Free* (Gern Blandsten)
7. **Sicko** *You Are Not the Boss of Me* (eMpTy)
8. **Green Day** *Nimrod* (Reprise)
9. **Hooton 3 Car** *Monkey Mayor* (Rumblestrip)
10. **Porcelain Boys** *Away Awhile..* (Pop Kid)

Top Three Shows:

1. **Snuff** @ Coney Island High, NYC
2. **Rocket From The Crypt** (Unannounced) @ Coney Island High, NYC
3. **Starmarket** @Some pub in Newcastle, England

Dave Roe Insider Staff Writer



- 1.) **Furious George** *Gets a Record!* (Recess)
- 2.) **Sicko** *You Are Not the Boss of Me* (Empty)
- 3.) **Portishead** *Portishead* (Go! Beat/London)
- 4.) **Various Artists** *More Bounce to the Ounce* (Lookout!)
- 5.) **The Ramones** *The Last Show: All Access* (Radioactive)
- 6.) **The Dead Milkmen** *Death Rides a Pale Cow*

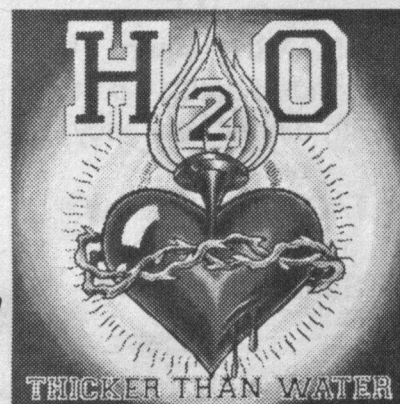
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- 7.) **Groovie Ghoulies** *Re-Animation Festival* (Lookout!)
 - 8.) **Screw 32** *Under the Influence of Bad People* (Fat Wreck)
 - 9.) **Thumbnail** *Red! Dead!* (Headhunter)
 - 10.) **Various Artists** *Take Warning: The Sounds of Operation Ivy* (Glue Factory)

Top Three concert picks:

- 1.) **The Queers/Groovie Ghoulies**@ The Wetlands, NYC
- 2.) **Shot Sirius**@ Some shitty bar in West Milford
- 3.) **Furious George**@ Tramps, NYC

Ed Erlenmeyer

Assistant Insider Editor



1. **H2O** *Thicker Than Water* (Epitaph)
2. **Lifetime** *Jersey's Best Dancers* (Jade Tree)
3. **Snapcase** *Progression Through Unlearning* (Victory)
4. **Pennywise** *Full Circle* (Epitaph)
5. **Sick of it All** *Built to Last* (East/West)
6. **Bouncing Souls** *s/t* (Epitaph)
7. **Strife** *In This Defiance* (Victory)
8. **Ensign** *Direction of Things to Come* (Indecision)
9. **Blink 182** *Dude Ranch* (MCA)
10. **Various Artists** *Violent World: A Tribute to The Misfits*

(Caroline)

Top Concert Picks of 1997

1. **The Vans Warped Tour**@The Stone Pony, Asbury Park
2. **Counting Crows/The Wallflowers** @PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel
3. **Sick of it All/Snapcase/V.O.D./A.F.I./@The Roxy, NYC**

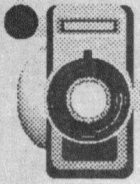


Al Giamarino Insider Staff Writer

1. **New York Ska-Jazz Ensemble** *Low Blow* (Moon)
2. **G Love and Special Sauce** *Yeah, It's That Easy* (Epic)
3. **Jamiroquai** *Traveling Without Moving* (Work)
4. **H2O** *Thicker Than Water* (Epitaph)
5. **The Toasters** *Don't Let the Bastards Grind You Down* (Moon)
6. **Bjork** *Homogenic* (Elektra)
7. **Sublime** *Second Hand Smoke* (MCA/Gasoline)
8. **The Robustos** *Introducing the Robustos* (Ska Satellite)
9. **The Skoidats** *The Times* (Moon)
10. **Pavement** *Brighten The Corners* (Matador)

Top Three Shows

1. **The Vans Warped Tour**@Stone Pony, Asbury Park
2. **Smoking Grooves**@ PNC Bank Arts Center
3. **The Toasters**@ Surf Club, Ortley Beach



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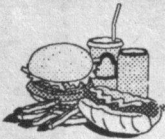
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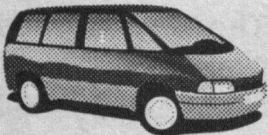
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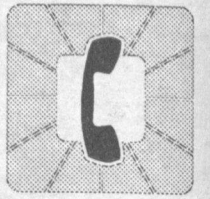


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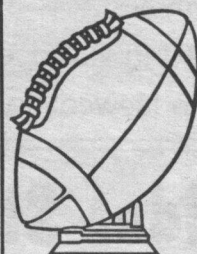
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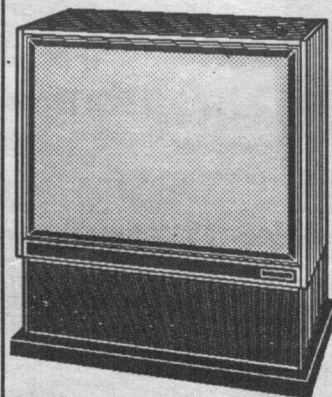
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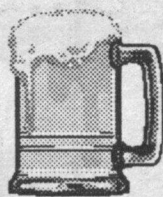
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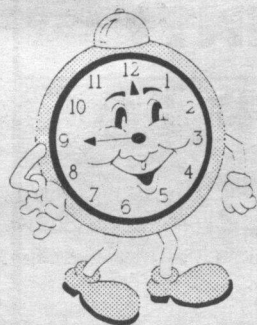
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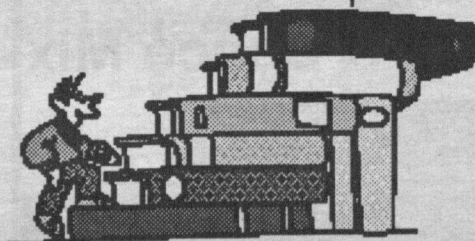
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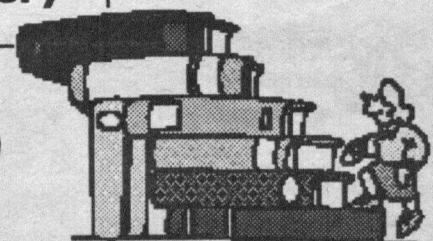
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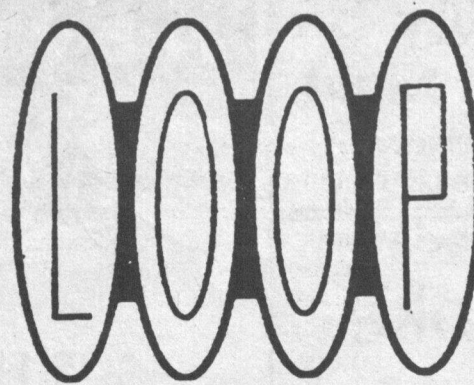
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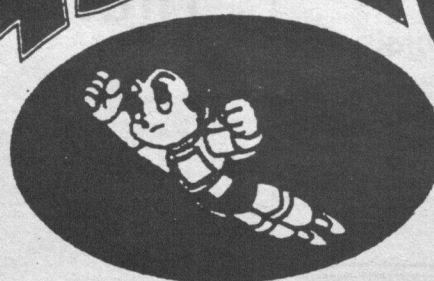


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"Dr. Judy" advises students on relationships

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shouldn't be, and it deserves not to be. And the downsides of that are dangerous, if you were going to ask me 'what are the ramifications of that?' or 'what are the dangers of that?' They're grave because if you start from the principle that sex is an important issue in many people's minds, then there not being the outlet for it, can only lead to pain, both psychological and sometimes physical and mani-

festing in behavior problems, like inability to have orgasm, inability to really express your desires to your partner, inability to function proper; men having problems with erections, and all those problems that come out of embarrassment, shame and guilt.

How do you build a more open relationship?

Well, I think the first step is to really work on oneself, to feel comfortable with ones own feelings and not have that shame,

embarrassment, guilt that I was talking about—the three uglies. Those are the inhibitors that stop people from feeling OK about it. **A lot of people know of Dr. Judy from "Love Phones." How did you get involved in the radio show?**

Oh, I've been doing radio for 17 years. I was a television reporter before that. I was a psychologist at Columbia Medical Center, and when I was working at the TV station, the radio station asked me to do a radio show. And so I've been in the business for 17 years, and then I was at various TV stations, WABC, WCBS, WPIX, CNBC. And then "Love Phones" began five years ago when the program director at the radio station decided that he wanted to do that kind of show and called me up, and that's how it happened. It's all over the country. We're in New York on WLIR, which is 92.7, and then we're in Hartford at Radio 104, and then we're in Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, Cincinnati, Columbus, Denver, a bunch of places. It airs sometimes 11 p.m. - 1 a.m. Sometimes 10 p.m. - midnight.

How did you get started in sex therapy?

I was the protégé of very, very world renowned psychologists and psychiatrists at Columbia Medical Center, and working in with psychophrenics and manic depressives and organic brain syndromes

and all kinds of things. And when I went to graduate school, I worked with family and children. So, my background was much different than that, but when I was at Columbia, the unit I was working with, that I just described to you, was asked by Messer and Johnson, who are the grandparents of sex therapy, to evaluate their therapy at the very beginning. And so we did that as part of our work, and then it evolved more and more over time.

What is the worst story you've heard on the radio show?

It's horrifying what goes on in people's lives and what they have to put up with and the pain they have to deal with. I mean, the betrayals are horrific. There was a 14 year-old boy who called up last night and said that his girlfriend was away and that he had sex with her twin sister. Well, first of all, he was 14 years old, why was he going about doing that in the first place. And second of all, he betrayed her but he didn't do it out of neediness; there's a compassion there for the fact that he was eight-years-old when a ten-year-old girl made him have sex with her. So, if you do think enough, you realize why people do things like this. That doesn't make it right, and he came to see that he really ruined his girlfriend's life by betraying her; that he felt helpless, he didn't know any better. Who else could he tell that to?

Do you think you attract a younger crowd?

Well, I think that "Love Phones" attracts a younger crowd simply because they have no other place to go. There is so much controversy over sex education that I think that schools could offer that as an adjunct. Planned Parenthood used to have parent-child communication programs. Those places closed down. I remember those programs for the past 15 years, I used to cover them on TV, and they were so helpful. They were an island of refuge for people; for parents to come and be able to talk about their frustrations in dealing with sexual frustrations with their kids. And funding closed up for those programs and many of them closed down. That is really a crime, and that's why young people, I think, are drawn to "Love Phones" because there is no place else to go. I make a very big effort not to judge anybody, not to make people wrong or bad, because you don't grow from that.

Are their "older people" who listen?

Yes, there's definitely. That's something that's major. I see that when I go to different speeches, that there are people who show up. Young and old, all the way up to an 80 year old man who showed up. Divorced, single, straight, gay, just everybody.

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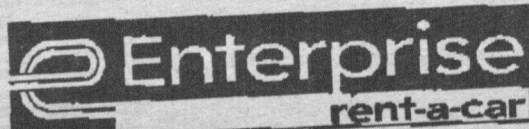
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Beacon Sports

Cheerleading at WPU: Serious business

By Pamela Langan
News Editor

With many of the popular sports here on the William Paterson University hides one highly athletic team which is ranked 12th in the nation -- cheerleading.

The cheerleading Squad of WPU is currently ranked number 12 in the nation and will soon be going to compete in Florida in the semifinals of the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) National Competition, from January 8 to 11 in Disneyworld.

Coaches Cathy Gasalberti and Troy Hedberg are extremely proud of this WPU team for making it into the semifinals, because this is the first year the team is competing.

Now comprised of 19 members, consisting of five men and 14 women, the tryouts for this co-ed squad were in mid-April and then at the beginning of the semester.

According to Hedberg, now a senior at WPU and a fourth year member of the squad, normally they hold only one date of tryouts.

However, due to the fact that most incoming freshmen cannot be reached or available for auditioning during April, they decided to include another tryout, which proved to be beneficial to the team this year. Currently out of the 19 members, nine are freshmen.

Hedberg is happy to have the freshmen on the team because, "They have done so much more in this squad than any other squad," he said.

Besides members sustaining a few injuries throughout the squad, another problem Hedberg sees is with financial matters.

Considering this is the first year the team has decided to compete, they now have to raise funds for travel expenses, and are afraid they are going to have to get money from their own pockets.

However, the team did approach the Student Government Association (SGA) to request financial assistance. "They may be offering us some help," said Hedberg.

Lack of male members is also on Hedberg's agenda to remedy. Within the logistics of the sport,

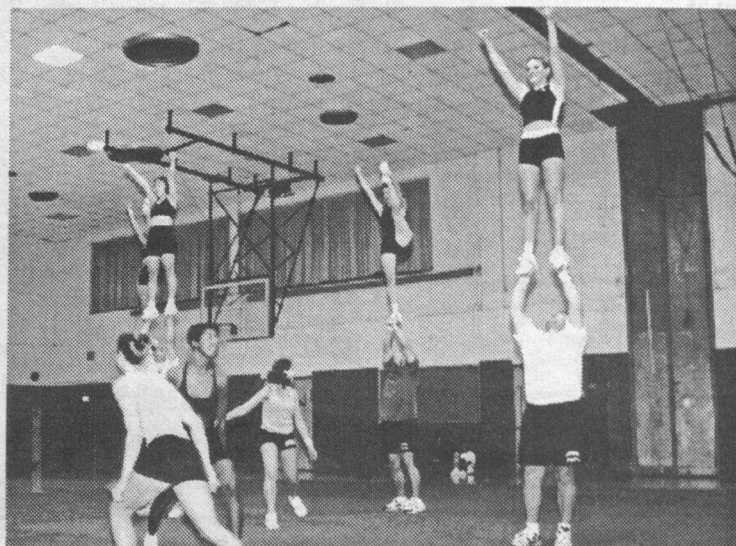
the men usually are doing all the lifting for their routines.

"Having the girls lifting others just isn't the same," said Hedberg. They would like to have more men on the team to show a more even balance.

"It's a pretty long season for us doing football and basketball," said Hedberg. "It's not an easy sport, just going by injuries, strength and technique."

In Florida at the UCA National Competition, the WPU squad will be focusing mainly on the competition against their rival team from Montclair State University (MSU), which is now ranked 14th in the nation. Hedberg is extremely proud of the fact that WPU came out on top of MSU in the national rankings.

Overall, Hedberg feels the squad has done "an amazing job." "We're not expecting to place first in Florida, but we do want to go down and place in the top ten," said Hedberg.



Sylvana Meneses/The Beacon

WPU's cheerleading squad, ranked 12 in the nation, works out in Wightman Gym

By Kwabz Nti
Sports Contributor

What an adventurous event for the men's basketball team as they play their second home game. The squad suffered a terrible loss in the hands of Jersey City last Wednesday, as Coach Jose Rebimbas received a technical foul in the early minutes of the first quarter. He organized his boys pretty well, but for some reason the players didn't follow

their assignments.

Leading by as much as 11 points the team came to a halt while Jersey City came back and beat the new reformed basketball team.

One incredible player of this team is number three, Orenthal "Mubby" Swain, who had 17 points. Justin Frederick had 11 points and ten rebounds.

"Mubby" shot well, dominating the game and had good ball movement. Undergraduate assis-

tant coach, Gerard Wilson said, "There is no question that the talent is there people have to be patient with us, it's basically a new team. We only have two guys from last year that play considerable minutes. We should be a better team than we are now in February."

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